

Friends of the Winn House

Newsletter

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Ell to Add Program, Exhibit Space

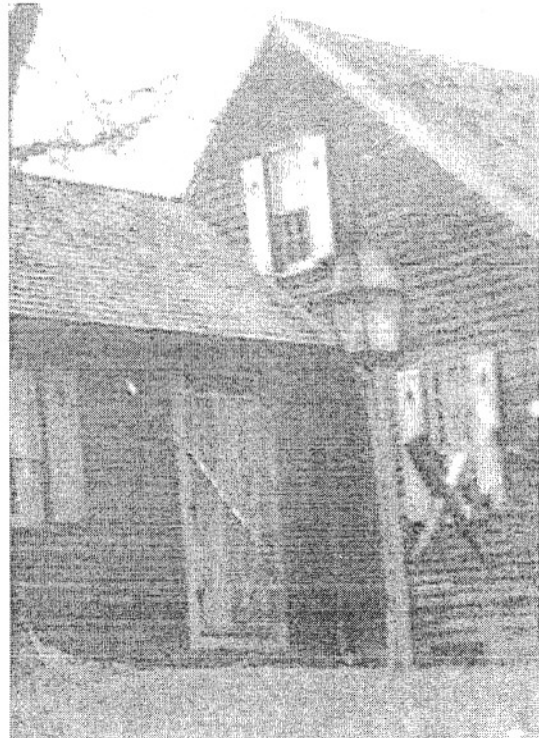
by Peter and Barbara Woodbury

Els were a tradition in New England architecture; often they connected a farm house to its barn so farmers could tend and feed their animals avoiding the snow and winter cold. During the summer, many els were used as a kitchen and buttery. If you drive through the New England countryside you will see many 'connectors' still in use today.

The Winn House ell was also once used as 'connector' to a barn. The original ell was separated from the Winn House during its move and was later converted into a home on North Village Road.

When the restoration of the Winn House began in 1998, plans included the reconstruction of the ell. We have now reached this next exciting step.

Our decision to recreate the Winn House ell was based on several needs: a larger room for educational programs, such as the cooperative program with the Village School on marine history for 4 & 5th graders; additional space for exhibits of our fishing heritage; a staff lavatory, and a welcome center. Residents and visitors will



The Original Winn House Ell

be able to enjoy historical programs and share stories at our "Do You Remember" series.

Our dream is to house a replica of the famous Ogunquit dory in this new space. We would like to dedicate the ell to the rugged and independent Ogunquit fishermen who contributed so much color, good fun, lobsters and fish to our community and people.

The ell will be a simple post and beam construction following the dimensions of the original ell.

From the Chair

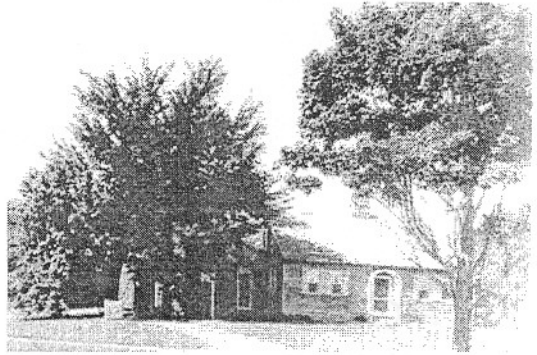
by *Bernadine Speers*

A year ago we formed the Friends of the Winn House, a non-profit corporation dedicated to funding educational programs for the Ogunquit Heritage Museum located at the Captain James Winn House. Ogunquit's architectural, maritime, and art history is the focus of these programs. We hope that the Winn House will become the main depository of Ogunquit's historical objects.

Our goal now is to make the Winn House less dependent on town funding after the ell is constructed this year. Last year the Friends of the Winn House had 110 donor members. More members and fund-raising will help the Ogunquit Heritage Museum become financially independent.

Last year the Friends sponsored the well attended "Do You Remember?" series, tours of historic Ogunquit, a marine history program at the Village School, and a project documenting the history of the Winn House. We have also given financial aid to the Littlefield Research Library, and organized social functions for members held at the beginning and end of the season.

By joining the Friends of the Winn House, you will help keep Ogunquit's rich cultural past alive for our residents, visitors, and those with enduring ties to this 'Beautiful Place by the Sea.'



The Winn House and Ell

Ell Adds Space... from page 1

Steven Mallory's architectural survey of the original structure found 18th and 19th century window and doorway features we hope to reproduce.

Thanks to Jim Nadeau of Classic Post and Beam for his invaluable assistance in drawing the plans and specifications for the bid process. His advice and counsel have been invaluable.

Now that the April 12 Town Meeting approved our project funding, we are putting this project out for bids, hoping to break ground soon, and having the restored ell ready for our Christmas open house.

Additional fund raising may be necessary as construction costs increase. We are indebted to those who have supported our efforts not only for the ell, but this entire restoration project and the creation of the Ogunquit Heritage Museum. We hope it will always be a center for preserving our history and helping future generations learn about our unique small town.

Do You Remember?

- You could walk on the Marginal Way south of Perkins Cove all the way to the Cliff House. The path went from the Woodbury studio to Narrow Cove, then to Jack's Cove and ended at the Cliff House.
- Tower's Drugstore was the only place in town to get a hot meal during the winter. Florence Stacy (of Flo's) was the cook. In the summer it was one of about four places to get breakfast. They used to line up three deep for each stool. It was also the only place in town to buy a newspaper.
- Mothers dressed up their young sunburned daughters and took them to the Dan Sing Fan for tea. Sitting on the deck overlooking the Cove and the teahouse's beautiful oriental gardens, they drank mint lemonade and munched on cinnamon toast made with many layers of butter, cinnamon and confectioners' sugar.

June 19 Reception Opens Winn House 2004 Season

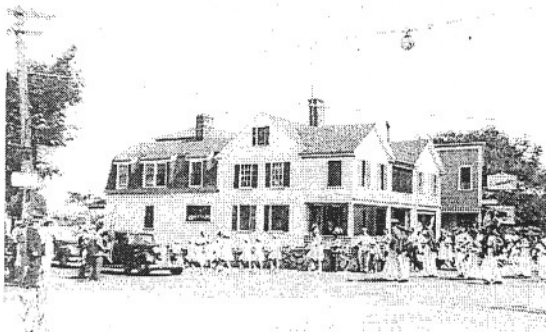
Join us Saturday, June 19, from 4-6, for our 2004 season's opening reception of the Ogunquit Heritage Museum at the Winn House, where we'll also greet members of the Littlefield family reunion.

Drop by and say hello to our new museum coordinator, Paula Cummings. While you're there, admire our newly painted back room and newly hung curtains, completed by hard working Museum Committee members. Ask about our new accessions, such as the fishermen pictures courtesy of Billy Tower and Dr. Endicott's pictures of Ogunquit following our devastating downtown fire a few years ago. You'll be able to learn about our soon to be completed website, the work of Steve Lareau.

And if you see Eleanor Vadenais of our Chamber of Commerce or another Chamber member, give each a special thanks for housing the Littlefield Library at the Chamber this coming year while the Ell is being completed. A new coordinator, intriguing additions to the Museum, a generous temporary home for the library – our Heritage Museum truly exemplifies the Ogunquit community coming together to preserve and remember our past.

Do You Remember ...

Doctor J.W. Gordon's house that stood on the corner of Route 1 and Beach Street, now the site of Veterans' Park?



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